

March 14, 1975

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk. on General File, LB 377.

CLERK: LB 377 introduced by Senator Warner of the 25th District. Read title. The bill was reported to General File by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with no amendments. Signed by Senator Rasmussen, Chairman thereof. There amendments on the bill signed by Senator Warner, the introducer.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I am sorry. Did the Clerk read the amendment?

CLERK: No, I have not read the amendment. Would you like me to.

SENATOR WARNER: We may as well take up the amendment first.

CLERK: The amendment, Mr. President. The amendment to LB 377 found in the Journal on page 620. Read.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the amendment. Did you give a page that that amendment appears in the Journal, Mr. Clerk. It is in the Journal if someone wants to look at it. What the amendment does, it provides some flexibility in the Attorney Generals office only in regard to the name that some of the positions are given. You couldn't, for example, have more than one individual designated as a deputy and the balance of them would be assistants which is currently the way that it is. The main portion of the amendment is the striking of the language of legislation that was enacted about three or four sessions ago which required a minimum salary of \$20,000 per deputy Attorney General and each full time assistant Attorney General. In some instances, there are people on the staff, attorneys, who act in the capacity of an Assistant Attorney General but the office does not desire to pay them at the level required by law so they are given another title of a special Assistant Attorney General to circumvent the \$20,000 limitation. By striking this, then these positions can be filled and will be paid... given appropriate title commensurate with their responsibility but can be paid at something less than the annual salary of the \$20,000 as the Attorney General desires and, in addition, the total cost, of course, for salaries within the office is governed by the Appropriation Act with personal service limitation. Mr. President, I move adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

CLERK: The amendment is on Page 620 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Warner, this would allow for less than deputy Attorney General. Is that...

SENATOR WARNER: No. The...it allows for less than deputy... I don't quite understand you. There would be assistant